

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a medicament comprising the steps of:

(a) combining a pharmaceutically active ingredient in the form of an agglomerate of primary particles having an agglomerate particle size such that the agglomerate is capable of passing through a sieve having a mesh of 50-3000 μm with a pharmaceutically acceptable particulate carrier; ~~and;~~

(b) mixing the resultant material in a mixer to break up the agglomerate into primary particles dispersed in a pharmaceutically acceptable particulate carrier such that 90% or more of the pharmaceutically active ingredient exists as primary particles having a particle size of 50 μm or less; and

(c) filling the mixture from step (b) into the reservoir of a dry powder inhaler.

2. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein in step (b) the pharmaceutically active ingredient is dispersed homogeneously in the pharmaceutically acceptable particulate carrier such that drug recovery from each of a plurality of samples taken from the medicament has a relative standard deviation from the mean of less than or equal to 5%.

3. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein prior to step (a) the pharmaceutically active ingredient is passed through a sieve having a mesh of 50-3000 μm .

4. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the agglomerate particle size is such that the agglomerate is capable of passing through a sieve having a mesh of 250-1000 μm .

5. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 4, wherein prior to step (a) the pharmaceutically active ingredient is passed through a sieve having a mesh of 250-1000 μm .

6. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the medicament is an inhalable medicament.

7. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pharmaceutically active ingredient is an anti-inflammatory steroid and/or a bronchodilator.
8. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein the inhalable medicament is budesonide, formoterol or etiprednol.
9. (Previously Presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable particulate carrier is lactose.
10. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 9, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable particulate carrier is alpha-lactose monohydrate.
11. (Withdrawn) A medicament obtained by the process as claimed in claim 1.
12. (Withdrawn) A dry-powder inhaler containing the medicament as claimed in claim 11.
13. (New) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reservoir is the reservoir of a multidose dry powder inhaler.
14. (New) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reservoir is defined by a capsule.
15. (New) A process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the capsule, when filled, contains a unit dose of active ingredient.